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For: Intermittent Coating Apparatus and Intermittent Coating Method

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004 is due by January 6, 2005. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.